



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) HORN OF AFRICA and GULF OF GUINEA: Piracy
Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report
for 15 – 21 August 2013**

22 August 2013

Maritime Crime/Piracy

(U) Product Note: This product has been expanded to include information concerning piracy and maritime crime events in the Gulf of Guinea, as well as those in the Horn of Africa region.

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1. (U) Horn of Africa Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report is a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats around the Horn of Africa.

2. (U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in African waters is at low levels. There were no vessels reported as hijacked or attacked during this one-week period.

A. (U) Details

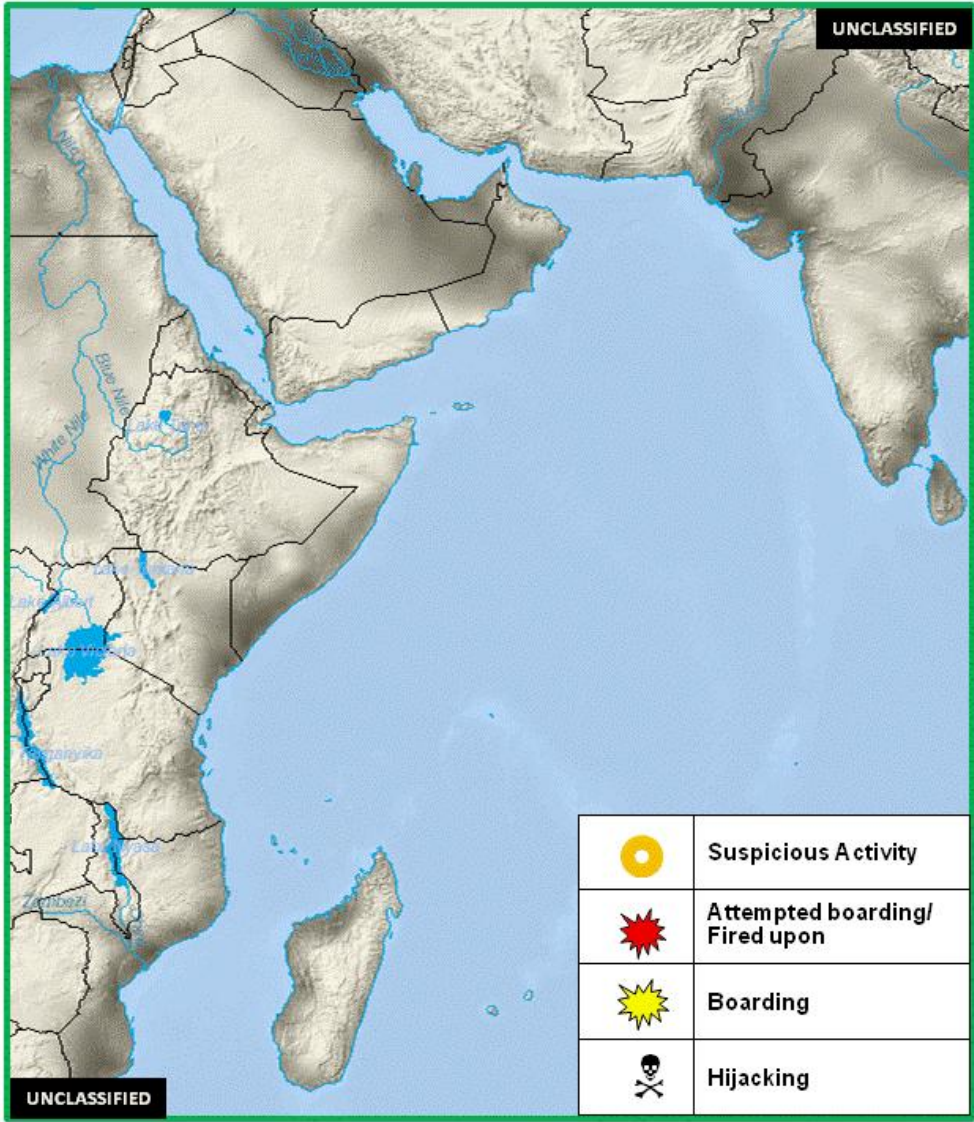
(U) Vessels Hijacked: No other incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Boarded: No other incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings: No other incidents to report.

(U) Other Activity: No other incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Maritime Crime Activity, 15 – 21 August 2013

(U) Figure 1 is a visual depiction of the incidents detailed in above summary of events.

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity

	This Week	Last Week	August 2013	July 2013	2013	2012	2011	2010
Vessels Hijacked	0	0	0	0	0	7	27	51
Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	16
Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding	0	0	0	0	4	24	122	119
Total	0	0	0	0	4	32	166	186

(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked. Hijacked dhows are frequently used motherships by pirates and released without a ransom being paid.

3. Currently Hijacked Vessels

Name	Flag	Type	Hijacked Date
NAHAM 3	Oman	Fishing Vessel	26 March 2012

4. Indian Ocean Weather Forecast for 22 – 28 August 2013

A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

B. (U) GULF OF OMAN: Southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

C. (U) SOMALI COAST: Southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet; with southwest winds of 20 – 25 knots and seas of 8 – 10 feet in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet; with southwest winds of 20 – 25 knots and seas of 8 – 10 feet in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.

D. (U) ARABIAN SEA: Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet.

E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN: Southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas 5 – 7 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas 6 – 8 feet.

F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: East-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 8 – 10 feet in the northern Channel; with east-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 8 – 10 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** East-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet in the northern Channel; with east-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet in the southern Channel.

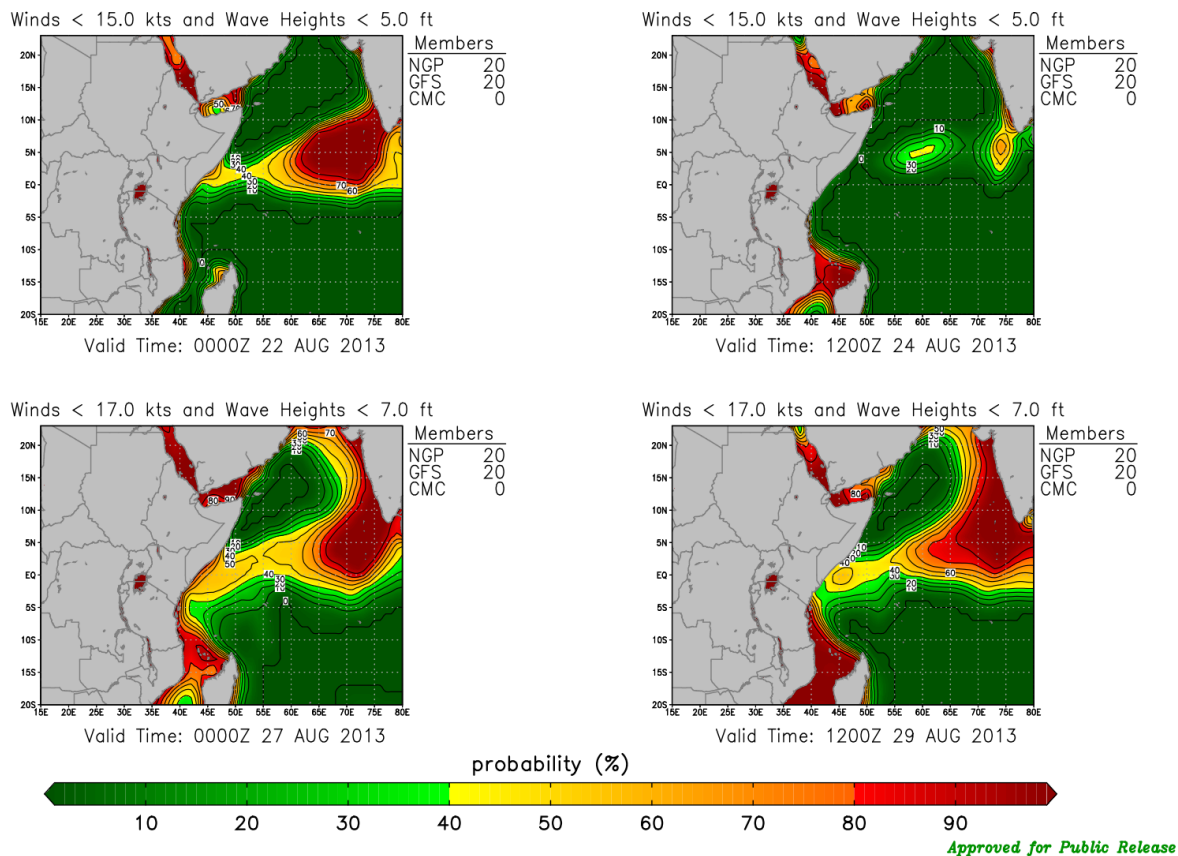
G. (U) SURFACE CURENTS: The northern Arabian Sea and GOA currents are variable with most areas having average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 - 2 knots.

H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: The northern and western Indian Ocean areas are under the influence of the southwest monsoon season, with low pressure producing partly to mostly cloudy skies with rain showers and thunderstorms. The Mozambique Channel will be under the influence of low pressure. Expect partly to mostly cloudy conditions throughout most central African coastal areas.

5. (U) Graphic Aids to 10 Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

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10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2013081912



(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, FNMOC)

(U) In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents a higher likelihood of pirate activity.

6. (U) Gulf of Guinea Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report includes a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats in the Gulf of Guinea.

7. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West African waters is at low levels. There were two reported maritime crime events during this one-week period.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Boarded:

(U) NIGERIA: On 15 August, the Nigeria-flagged product tanker NORTE was boarded in the Gulf of Guinea. On 17 August, the vessel was reportedly chased by vessels from the Nigerian Navy; to include two Navy ships of destroyer-size, 6 gun boats, and patrol plane from the Nigerian Air Force. The Nigerian forces surrounded the tanker in the Niger Delta region. The pirates attempted to flee the tanker when night fell, but were intercepted. During the ensuing gun battle 12 pirates were killed and 4 were captured. No details on fate of the crew were given. The tanker is presently anchored in Lagos. (Fleetmon.com, News.odin.tc)

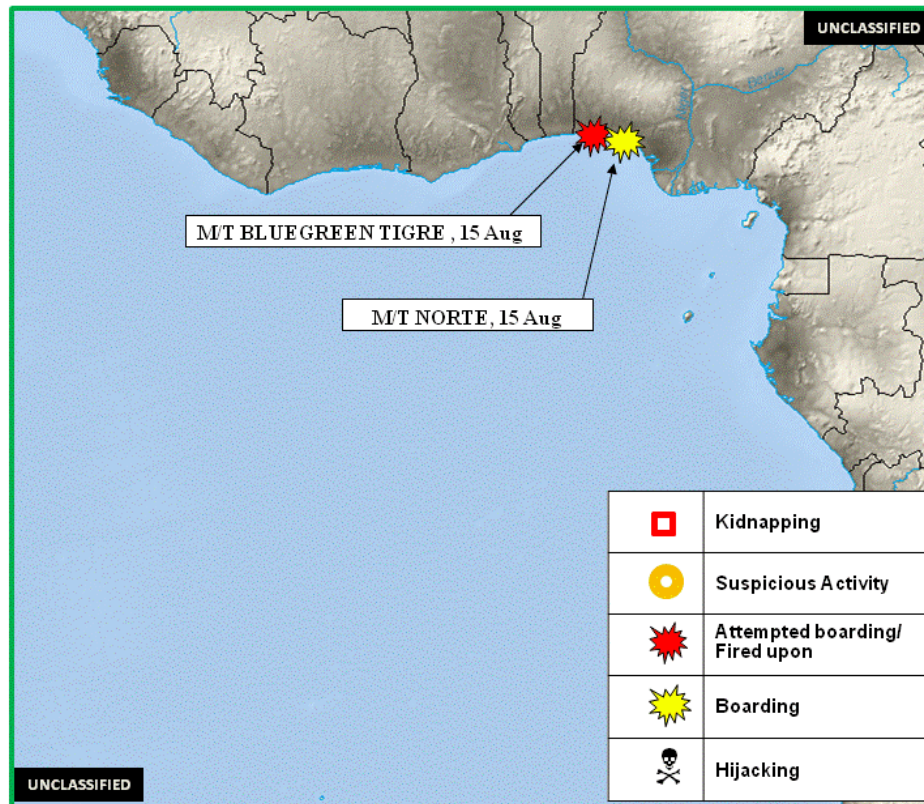
(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping: No incidents to report.

(U) Other Activity:

(U) NIGERIA: On 15 August, the anchored Marshal Islands-flagged tanker BLUEGREEN TIGRE experienced an attempted boarding in the vicinity of 06:19 N – 003:27 E, at the Lagos Anchorage. Approximately 8-10 robbers in a speed boat attempted to place a hook on the tanker's railing. They were spotted by the crew and the alarm was raised. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing crew alertness, the pirates' boat moved away. Other ships were informed on VHF radio. Local authorities were informed and a naval patrol arrived at the location and conducted a search. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 3. GoG Maritime Crime Activity, 15 – 21 August 2013

(U) Figure 3 is a visual depiction of the incidents detailed in above summary of events.

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity

	This Week	Last Week	August 2013	July 2013	2013	2012	2011	2010
Vessels Hijacked	0	1	1	2	9	14	19	1
Boarding	1	0	1	3	14	31	41	26
Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding	1	0	1	4	29	30	26	12
Kidnapping	0	0	0	1	15	14	18	17
Total	0	0	0	10	65	89	94	56

(U) Table 3 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

8. Currently Hijacked Vessels

Name	Flag	Type	Hijacked Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

9. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 22 – 28 August 2013

A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: Southerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet.

B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: The Gulf of Guinea is under the influence of high and low pressure systems, bringing strong southerly winds and moisture into the area. Expect mostly cloudy conditions with rain showers and possible thunderstorms.

(U) Appendix

(U) Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting, and it also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity, are independent of target vessel status, and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities.

(U) Terms of Reference

(U) The following terms have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis:

- **(U) Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- **(U) Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.
- **(U) Boarding** – Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- **(U) Firing Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- **(U) Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- **(U) Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.

- (U) **Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- (U) **Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

(U) Piracy levels

- (U) **High:** 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period
- (U) **Moderate:** 2–4 piracy incidents in this one-week period
- (U) **Low:** 0–1 piracy incidents in this one-week period

(U) Sourcing

(U) Information contained in this report is derived through direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources:

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Denmark
- BBC News
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- Fairplay (FP), London
- Informa Group (INFO), formerly LLP, Llp Limited, London
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- Latitude38.com (LAT) website
- Lloyd's List (LL), daily, London
- Local Media (LM)
- MaRisk by Risk Intelligence (Risk Intelligence/MaRisk)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Maritime Security Council (MSC), U.S.
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels
- Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center
- Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) (analysis and comment)
- Operator (owner or operator of affected vessel)
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- Seafarers' Assistance Program (SAP), Kenya
- Tradewinds (TW)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Maritime Liaison Office (MARLO) Bahrain

- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- U.S. Department of State (DOS)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
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